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SUBJ: SOVIETS WATCH CHINA SITUATION

1. SOVIET PRESS HAS KEPT SOPTLIGHT ON INTERNAL
SITUATION IN CHINA IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS BUT HAS
REFRAINED FROM ORIGINATING ITS OWN COMMENT.

2. PRAVDA FEB. 16, SUMMARIZED BULGARINA ARTICLE ON
CHINA (FROM OTECHESTVEN FRONT) WHICH DESCRIBED
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STRUGGLE BETWEEN PRAGMATISTS AND "LEFTIST" ADHERENTS

OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION. IT SAID MAJORITY OF FOREIGN CHINA SPECIALISTS ARE COMPARING CURRENT ATMOSPHERE WITH THAT OF THE 60'S, AND NOTED REPORTS OF CRITICISM CAMPAIGNS BEING CONDUCTED BY CULTURAL REVOLUTION METHODS.

3. TASS SOMMARRY OF FOREIGN REPORTAGE ON CHINA WAS CARRIED IN ALL CENTRAL PAPERS FEB. 18 UNDER HEADLINE "SITUATION IN CHINA." STYLIZED USE OF "SITUATION" IN HEADLINE IS USUALLY RESERVED FOR CRISES, COUPS DE'ETAT, AND THE LIKE. ITEMS INCLUDED AFP REPORT OF BAN ON TRAVEL OF FOREIGNERS OUTSIDE PEKING; FINNISH NEWSPAPER HUVUDSTADSBLADET REPORT OF MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHANGHAI AND HALT OF TRAFFIC ON CENTRAL STREETS; AND LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT OF FOREIGNERS BEING CONFINED TO THEIR HOTEL ON WUHAN.

4. LITERARY GAZETTE FEBRUARY 20 DEVOTES A QUARTER PAGE TO WRAPUP OF FOREIGN DISPATCHES ON CHINA, PREFACED WITH OBSERVATION THAT MANY FOREIGN OVSERVERS BELIEVE SECOND ROUND OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN. MATERIALS FROM NCNA AND BLUE-RIBBON WESTERN PUBLICATIONS INFORM SOVIET READERS OF SELF-CRITICISM, INCIPIENT RED GUARD ACTIVITY, APPEARANCE OF LARGE-CHARACTER POSTERS, INVOKING OF MAO'S NAME IN APPEAL FOR NEW CULTURAL REVOLUTION, ANTI-FOREIGNISM AND ANTI-SOVIETISM.
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